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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3478

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY MADRID

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, KS

SUBJECT: NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 91663

1. EXTREMELY TIGHT AIRLINES AND HOTEL SITUATION RESULTING
FROM INFLUX OF JAPANESE TOURISTS DURING "GOLDEN WEEK"
PRECLUDES CHOICE OF ACCOMODATIONS IN SEOUL AND PERHAPS OTHER
EAST ASIAN CITIES DURING FIRST WEEK OF STR TRAVEL. RECOMMEND
DEPARTMENT CONFIRM ALL PLANE RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE
TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF TEAM BEING UNABLE TO KEEP SCHEDULE
THROUGH MAY 8TH. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO BOOK PARTY IN TO
SEVEN SINGLES AT SEOUL PLAZA FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 2 AND 3.
ANY CHANGE IN SCHEDULE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED TO US IMMEDIATE.
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2. WE PROPOSE THAT TEAM BEGIN VISIT WITH EMBASSY BRIEFINGS
AND CONSULTATIONS BEFORE OPENING TABKS WITH ROKG AT
ABOUT 1430 OR 1500 MAY 2.

3. IN ORDER TO ADJUST PERSONNEL SCHEDULES, ETC. WE
REQUEST STR'S ADVICE ON WHAT THE LIKELY DATES WOULD BE

SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO EXTEND TALKS WITH ROK. FOR
INSTANCE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER TEAM WOULD
PROCEED WITH TALKS AT TAIPEI AND THEN RETURN TO SEOUL BEFORE
TRAVELLING ONWARD. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MAY 5TH
AND 25TH (CHILDRENS DAY AND BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY) ARE
LOCAL HOLIDAYS.

4. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY KOREA CANNED GOODS EXPORT
ASSOCIATION RE MUSHROOMS SUGGESTING THAT STR TEAM MAY
BISH TO BRIEF ITSELF ON THAT ILSUE IN ANTICIPATION OF
POSSIBLE QUESTIONS ON MARKET SITUATION IN U.S. ASSOCIATION
APPEARS SINCERE IN ITS EFFORTS TO LIVE UP TO THE AGREEMENT,
BUT ENCOUNTERS STATISTICAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE LAG
BETWEEN SHIPMENTS FROM KOREA AND ARRIVALS IN U.S.
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